

Newberry

ABSOLUTE RATING: Average
IMPROVEMENT RATING: Average

Absolute Ratings of Similar Districts				
Unsatisfactory	Below Average	Average	Good	Excellent
0	0	21	1	0

Definitions of District Rating Terms

Excellent- District performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

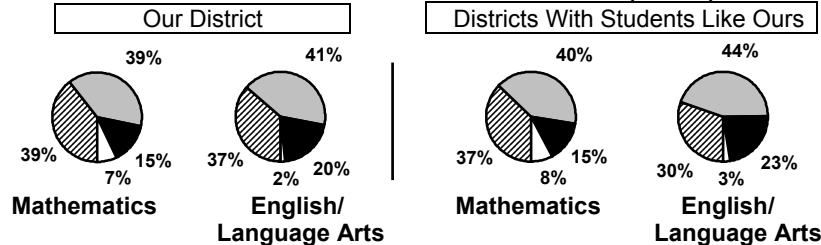
Good- District performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average- District performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average- District is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory- District performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS



☐ **Advanced**
☐ **Proficient**
☐ **Basic**
☒ **Below Basic**

DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS

Student Group	Exit Exam Passage Rate by Spring 2002		Eligibility for LIFE Scholarships*		Students Scoring Basic or Above on The PACT		
	N	%	N	%	N	% ELA	% Math
All students	336	92.0%	294	15.6%	2,618	63.5%	60.5%
Students with disabilities other than speech	18	77.8%	27	0.0%	358	37.4%	38.3%
Students without disabilities	318	91.8%	267	17.2%	2,253	67.8%	64.3%
Gender							
Male	150	90.7%	130	14.6%	1,350	57.7%	58.2%
Female	185	91.9%	164	16.5%	1,268	69.6%	63.1%
Ethnic Group							
African American	139	84.2%	136	2.2%	1,353	47.6%	45.8%
Hispanic	4	I/S	4	I/S	89	62.9%	55.4%
White	192	96.9%	154	27.9%	1,172	81.8%	78.0%
Other	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	4	I/S	I/S
Lunch Status							
Free/reduced-price lunch	124	86.3%	109	4.6%	1,668	51.6%	49.6%
Pay for lunch	211	94.3%	185	22.2%	939	85.1%	80.5%

N equals number of students on which percentages are calculated.

*Using the criteria for students who entered college in fall 2001.

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TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	First-time Examinees		
	2000	2001	2002
Our district			
Passed all 3 subtests	70.7%	64.9%	65.9%
Passed 2 subtests	14.2%	18.5%	15.1%
Passed 1 subtest	9.9%	7.7%	12.8%
Passed no subtest	5.1%	8.9%	6.2%
Districts with students like ours			
Passed all 3 subtests	62.9%	65.3%	63.2%
Passed 2 subtests	19.0%	17.3%	18.6%
Passed 1 subtest	11.3%	10.4%	11.5%
Passed no subtest	6.8%	7.0%	6.6%

LIFE scholarships at four-year institutions*

	Percent of Seniors Meeting Grade Point Average Requirement	Meeting SAT/ACT Requirement
Our District	15.6	51.4
Districts Like Ours	16.8	47.3
		15.6
		17.5

*Using the criteria for students who entered college in fall 2001.

College Admissions Tests: Tests that are frequently used in the college admissions process.

	SAT Verbal		SAT Math		SAT Total		ACT English		ACT Math		ACT Reading		ACT Science		ACT Total	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
District	473	465	484	481	957	946	16.5	18.5	18.1	18.0	17.8	19.0	17.8	18.9	17.7	18.7
State	486	488	488	493	974	981	18.8	18.8	19.3	19.1	19.5	19.3	19.2	19.2	19.3	19.2
Nation	506	504	514	516	1020	1020	20.5	20.2	20.7	20.6	21.3	21.1	21.0	20.8	21.0	20.8

These tests were administered to samples of students:

Terra Nova Test: A national, norm-referenced achievement test.

Percent scoring in upper half

	Reading		Language		Math		Total	
	State	Nation	State	Nation	State	Nation	State	Nation
Grade 4	47.8	50.0	43.1	50.0	58.4	50.0	50.5	50.0
Grade 7	45.8	50.0	59.4	50.0	54.7	50.0	53.9	50.0
Grade 10	59.6	50.0	59.5	50.0	62.4	50.0	59.1	50.0

National Assessment of Education Progress : A national, criterion-referenced achievement test.

Percents of Students

Test	Grade	Year	Advanced		Proficient		Basic		Below Basic	
			State	Nation	State	Nation	State	Nation	State	Nation
Reading	4	1998	4	6	18	23	33	32	45	39
Writing	8	1998	0	1	15	23	64	59	21	17
Mathematics	4	2000	2	3	16	23	42	43	40	31

ABBREVIATIONS FOR MISSING DATA

N/A – Not Applicable

N/C – Not Collected

N/R – Not Reported

I/S – Insufficient Sample

DISTRICT PROFILE

INDICATORS OF DISTRICT PERFORMANCE

	This District	Change from Last Year	Districts With Students Like Ours	Median District
DISTRICT				
• Dollars per student	\$7,462	Up 9.8%	\$6,971	\$7,072
• Prime instructional time	88.5%	Down from 89.3%	89.4%	89.9%
• Student-teacher ratio	14.7 to 1	Down from 18.3 to 1	16.4 to 1	18.6 to 1
• Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.4%	Down from 0.9%	0.6%	0.4%
STUDENTS (n=5,776)				
• Advanced placement/ Int'l baccalaureate program:				
Participation Rate	8.8%	N/A	7.9%	9.3%
Exam Success Rate	44.7%	N/A	57.1%	52.7%
• Attendance Rate	95.5%	Up from 95.3%	95.7%	96.0%
• Taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	9.3%	Up from 8.7%	7.8%	7.1%
• Taking PACT (Math) off grade level	8.6%	Up from 8.4%	5.8%	5.6%
• Retention rate	5.6%	Down from 6.3%	6.1%	5.6%
TEACHERS (n=456)				
• Professional development days per teacher	N/R	N/R	5.0 Days	5.0 Days
• Attendance rate	94.2%	Down from 95.6%	95.2%	95.0%
• Advanced Degrees	43.9%	Up from 40.8%	43.6%	46.6%
• Continuing contracts	76.3%	Down from 80.7%	82.9%	83.1%
• Out-of-field permits	4.2%	Up from 4.1%	2.5%	2.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous year	86.8%	Down from 88.2%	88.1%	88.6%
• Average salary	\$37,207	Up 4.2%	\$38,845	\$39,023

DISTRICT FACTS

DISTRICT				
• Annual dropout rate	4.1%	Down from 5.2%	3.7%	3.1%
• Percentage spent on teacher salaries	53.1%	Up from 49.3%	54.1%	53.7%
• Superintendent's years in the district	1.0	Up from 0.5	3.0	3.0
• Parent conferences	94.2%	Up from 78.6%	93.9%	93.9%
• Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Excellent	Excellent
• Number of schools	14	No change	10	8
• Number of alternative schools	0	No change	0	0
• Number of charter schools	0	No change	0	0
• Number of magnet schools	0	No change	0	0
• Portable classrooms	24.2%	Up from 11.9%	7.7%	6.6%
• Attendance rate of district office staff	95.0%	Down from 97.0%	96.6%	96.8%
• Average administrative salary	\$65,378	Up 10.2%	\$66,294	\$66,570
STUDENTS				
• Enrollment in adult education GED or diploma programs	119	N/A	124	129
• Number of completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	54	N/A	50	37
• Suspensions and expulsions	0.9%	N/A	1.6%	1.5%
• Percent eligible for state gifted and talented programs	14.7%	Up from 14.0%	11.1%	10.6%
• Percentage with disabilities other than speech	11.3%	Down from 12.6%	11.1%	10.7%

Newberry School District
1539 Martin Street
Newberry, SC 29108



Grades K-12

Enrollment: 5,776 Students

Superintendent Dr. V. Keith Callicutt 803-321-2600

Board Chair Mr. Lee Attaway 803-345-7083

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**Annual District
Report Card**

2002

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Much was accomplished during the 2001-02 school year because of the hard work of dedicated teachers, administrators, and support staff, along with the consistent support of our school board. In spite of the financial challenges brought on by mid-year budget cuts that took us back to the funding levels of 1999, we proudly point to the following accomplishments as we monitor our progress.

We established Montessori programs at Speers and Boundary Street Elementary Schools, and the South Carolina Reading Initiative professional development program continued in all our elementary schools. We established an Honors program at Newberry High School and developed curriculum guides in math and science.

Principals received leadership training through the Center for Creative Leadership, and teachers and administrators received special training in Standards in Practice, which will help them implement standards-based instruction. Principals and district office staff continue to work toward building a strong professional team that will provide leadership continuity to our schools. The Superintendent and Board of Education continue to forge a relationship of mutual respect and understanding.

Mid-Carolina High and Prosperity-Rikard Elementary Schools earned Palmetto Gold Awards, while Boundary Street, Gallman, and Reuben Elementary Schools earned Palmetto Silver Awards, from the state as a result of their students' outstanding performance and improvement on the PACT. Whitmire Elementary School was recognized as a Red Carpet School Award winner.

We began Phase I of our building program in 2001. This \$27,000,000 program will replace more than 52% of our portable classroom space with permanent structures and will provide an ongoing source of funding for technology and smaller capital projects.

We at the School District of Newberry County have embraced the motto of "no excuses" and are determined to offer the best educational opportunities possible to the young people of Newberry County. We are beginning to take our rightful place among the best and most inviting school districts in the state.

Dr. V. Keith Callicutt, Superintendent

South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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